

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Mutsumi KIMURA et al.

Application No.: 09/077,029

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Group Art Unit: 2871

Examiner: W. Malinowski

Docket No.: JAO 40499

For: MATRIX TYPE DISPLAY DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement mailed June 12, 2000, the period for response being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants hereby elect Species A, claims 1-19, 32, multiple dependent claims 47/2-47/19, 47/32, 48/2, 48/3, 48/5-48/10, 48/12-48/19, 49/7, 49/8, 49/10, 49/11, and 49/13. This election is made with traverse.

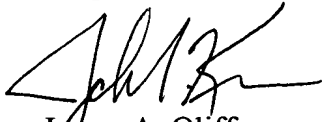
It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-49 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group of claims will necessary encompass a search for this subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and the examination of the entire application could be performed without serious burden. M.P.E.P. § 803 clearly states that "[i]f the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on its merit, even though it includes claims too distinct or independent inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants' and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the Election of Species Requirement and to examine all claims in this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment:  
Petition for Extension of Time

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